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Attorney Docket Number

03-0040

First Named Inventor

Houser et al.

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Application Number

Filing Date

Art Unit

Examiner Name

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

INTEGRATED LAUNDRY SUSPENSION SYSTEM

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which



is attached hereto

OR



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as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number

and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)

(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

| Prior Foreign Application Number(s) | Country | Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | Priority Not Claimed | Certified Copy Attached? | |
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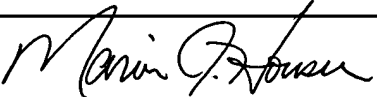

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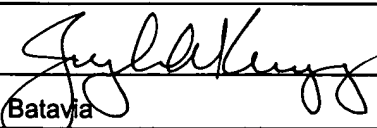
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DECLARATION**ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S)**

Supplemental Sheet

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: Marvin J. Houser, Robert S. Feldmann, Joseph A. KnoppApplication No./Patent No.: Not yet assigned Filed/Issue Date: HerewithEntitled: INTEGRATED LAUNDRY SUSPENSION SYSTEMFreudenberg-NOK General Partnership, a general partnership

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

March 24, 2004

Date

Theodore G. Duclos

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Signature

Chief Technology Officer

Title

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, the undersigned, hereinafter referred to as Assignors, have invented

INTEGRATED LAUNDRY SUSPENSION SYSTEM

for which Assignors are filing a United States Utility Patent Application concurrently herewith; and

WHEREAS, **Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership**, having a place of business at 47690 East Anchor Court, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignors by this written document do sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee and its successors in interest, the full and exclusive right in the United States of America and all foreign countries, including the right to claim priority under the laws of the United States and the Paris Convention, to the said invention described above, said invention and all United States applications for patent and all Letters Patent therefor to be held and enjoyed by Assignee to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent are granted and any extensions thereof as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignors had this assignment and sale not been made; and Assignors hereby covenant and agree to execute all instruments or documents required or requested for the making and prosecution of United States application for patent and all foreign countries on, for litigation regarding, or for the purpose of protecting title to the said invention; the United States application for patent, or Letters Patent therefore for the benefit of Assignee without further or other compensation than that above set forth; and Assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States of America to Assignee.

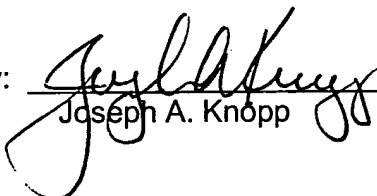
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| First Named Inventor | Houser et al. |
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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

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| Signature | <i>Theodore Duclos</i> | | |
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